

World Heritage UK Technical Workshop 8th March 2017, Bath Cricket Club

'PLANNING FOR WORLD HERITAGE SITES – DOVETAIL OR DISCONNECT?'

PROGRAMME

0930 Registration

MORNING SESSION – HOW DO THE UK'S PLANNING SYSTEMS WORK?

10.00 Introduction - Sam Rose, Chair, World Heritage UK

10.15 Overview of the planning systems (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland) - Don Gobbett, World Heritage UK, to include:

- planning policy and development management
- who makes decisions about what
- the underlying philosophy of the planning approach to development

10.30 Planning policy at national and local levels - Hilary Jordan, Corporate Manager - Planning, at Dorset Councils Partnership, to include:

- why planning policies are important for World Heritage
- where to find planning policies on World Heritage
- what policies exist already?
- can policies be totally prescriptive?
- who makes policies – the roles of civil servants/local authority officers and ministers/elected local authority Members
- how to influence decision makers

11.00 Questions

11.10 Tea/Coffee

11.25 How decisions on development proposals are made - Rebecca McAndrew, Principal Planning Officer at Torfaen County Borough Council and Nick Bishop, Senior Heritage Consultant at Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners, to include:

- who makes decisions – the roles of local authority officers and members, central government inspectors and ministers
- how decisions are made
- what planners need to know when making decisions
- how to influence decision makers
- OUV and "significance" – lessons from the Chacewater, Cornwall Appeal decision

12.05 Decisions that potentially impact upon World Heritage status – Jenny Bruce World Heritage Site Co-ordinator at City of Edinburgh Council and Henry Owen-John, Head of International Advice at Historic England, to include:

- the role of the State Party
- which Government departments do what
- who advises the World Heritage Committee?
- the role of ICOMOS
- how is the decision for Reactive Monitoring made?
- what is the process of Reactive Monitoring?
- the example of Edinburgh
- ICOMOS's Heritage Impact Assessment tool

12.40 Questions

1.00 Lunch and group photo

AFTERNOON SESSION – WORKSHOP SESSIONS TO IDENTIFY ISSUES AND IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

Session Chair - Tony Crouch.

The aim of the afternoon session is to identify what is going well and what needs to be improved and is everyone's opportunity to have their say. It will be split into two parts, first looking at national issues and then local government issues, and to hear about some specific examples.

1.30 Introduction - Sam Rose

1.40 National and international issues - Sam Rose (case study: Navitus Bay)

Possible issues to discuss:

- are the overall planning systems fit for purpose in relation to World Heritage?
- is anyone monitoring the effectiveness of the planning systems?
- are national policies sufficiently robust?
- are World Heritage Sites sufficiently valued?
- how can state reporting and the Reactive monitoring process be improved?

2.40 Local issues - Anna Irwin (case study: Pontcysyllte Canal and Aqueduct).

Possible issues to discuss:

- is anyone monitoring the effectiveness of the planning systems?
- are local policies sufficiently robust?
- are World Heritage Sites sufficiently valued?

3.40 Summing up and closing remarks, to include:

- summary of gaps/suggestions from workshop sessions
- next steps, including production of a position paper

4.00 Close and depart